

NOTICE OF HEARING AND COMMENTS FOR TOTAL MAXIMUM DAILY LOADS IN LOWER ARKANSAS RIVER BASIN

The Kansas Department of Health and Environment (KDHE) has prepared Total Maximum Daily Loads (TMDLs) for streams in the Lower Arkansas Basin that are impaired by not meeting state water quality standards.

The TMDLs presented for public review are:

Lower Arkansas River Basin

Little Arkansas (HUC 11030012)

- Sand Creek – Total Phosphorus
- Turkey Creek – Total Phosphorus
- Little Arkansas River – Total Suspended Solids

Gar-Peace (HUC 11030010) and Cow (HUC 11030011)

- Arkansas River – Biology (Revision)

These TMDLs are available for review on the Kansas Department of Health and Environment TMDL website at <http://www.kdheks.gov/tmdl/index.htm>. Additionally, copies of the TMDLs can be obtained by contacting the Bureau of Water, Watershed Planning, Monitoring and Assessment Section (785-296-8791).

A public hearing to take testimony from interested parties will be held:

Date: September 4, 2013
Time: 10:00 - 11:30 am
Location: City Hall, City Commission Chambers
201 E. 6th St.
Newton, KS

The first portion of the hearing will be a briefing by the Watershed Planning, Monitoring, and Assessment Section, outlining each of the TMDLs. The public comment period for these TMDLs will be held open from August 28th through September 27th of 2013. After reviewing the testimony and public comments, KDHE will make any appropriate revisions to the TMDLs and will submit them to Region VII of the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency.

Any individual with a disability may request accommodation in order to participate in the public hearing process and may request the proposed TMDLs in an accessible format. Requests for accommodation to participate in the hearing process should be made at least five working days in advance of the hearing by contacting KDHE.

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Requests, questions or written comments should be directed to Tom Stiles of the Watershed Planning, Monitoring and Assessment Section of KDHE at: 1000 SW Jackson St., Suite 420, Topeka, Kansas 66612-1367; by email at tstiles@kdheks.gov; by telephone: 785-296-6170 or by FAX: 785-291-3266.